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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:  ANTHONIUS H. M. VERMEULEN  Serial No.: U.S.Nat'l. Stage of PCT/NL2004/000796  Filed: MAY 10, 2006  For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR REMOVING MERCURY FROM RESIDUES	ATTN. APPLICATION BRANCH
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING FILING**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Any fee not covered by a check accompanying this paper and necessary for consideration of this Preliminary Amendment response may be charged to Deposit Account Number 03-3975.

**Amendments to the Specification: None.**

**Amendments to the Claims:** reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings: None**

**Remarks:** begin on page 6 of this paper.